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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Cheng Guo

SERIAL NO.: 09/698,706

FILED: October 27, 2000

FOR: METHODS FOR FABRICATING LITHOGRAPHY
APPARATUS

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1756

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§ EXAMINER: S. R. Mohamedulla

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER****Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicant's Amendment "A" in response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2003, in the subject patent application, having a shortened statutory period for response of May 27, 2003. Also transmitted herewith is a Petition for One Month Extension of Time, to extend the period for response through June 27, 2003.

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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. EU497708303US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment (With Fee), Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	21	minus	46	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	9	minus	7	=	0	x	\$84.00	\$168.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0				\$280.00	\$00.00
ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME								\$110.00
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Enclosed is Check No. 2043, in the amount of \$ 278.00, in payment of the fee of \$ 110.00 for the one month extension of time, and the \$ 168.00 fee for additional claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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This Amendment "A" is in response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of May 27, 2003. A request for a one month Extension of Time to respond accompanies this Amendment "A", to extend the time period for response through June 27, 2003.

Claims 1 - 46 are pending in the application.

Claims 24 - 46 are withdrawn from consideration under a restriction requirement.

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Claims 1 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,827,138, to Randall.

Claims 2 - 5 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Randall, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,168,890, to Takahashi.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Randall, in view of Takahashi, as applied to Claim 4, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,899,728, to Mangat et al.

Claims 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 25, 19, and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 8 - 10, 16 - 18, and 23 are allowed.

Please amend the application as follows: